

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** individuals who work in substance abuse treatment should be afforded an opportunity to educate the general public, community organizations, public officials, and civic leaders about both the societal and financial effectiveness of treatment, and
- WHEREAS,** substance abuse, co-occurring mental disorders, and co-existing physical illnesses are major health problems affecting millions of Americans of all races and ethnic backgrounds in all communities,
- WHEREAS,** these conditions create huge medical, societal, and economic costs; and
- WHEREAS,** people suffering from drug and alcohol addiction and co-occurring mental disorders can and do recover, and
- WHEREAS,** citizens needing treatment for substance abuse, co-occurring mental disorders, and co-existing physical illnesses deserve access to the services they need to recover; and
- WHEREAS,** thousands of health care providers have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to educating the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, co-occurring disorders, co-existing illnesses, and treatment issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 2006, as

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

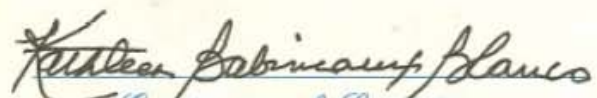
in the State of Louisiana, and I encourage all citizens to support this year's theme, Join the Voices in Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community by supporting men, women, and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery and the families of these citizens.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 27th day of September
A.D., 2006*


Governor of Louisiana